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CHAPTER I.

OF THE ELECTION AND ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

I.—Every Candidate for admission into the Society, shall be proposed and recommended by three or more Members, who ſhall deliver to one of the Secretaries, a paper, ſigned by themſelves, ſpecifying the Chriſtian and Surname of ſuch perſon, together with his rank in the profeſſion, department of practice, and uſual place of reſidence, all which ſhall be certified from their perſonal acquaintance with him.

II.—Every recommendation ſhall be hung up in the common meeting room of the Society, for three ſucceſſive meetings, excluſive of that on which it was preſented, and that on which the ballot for election ſhall take place.

III.—No perſon ſhall be declared elected, unleſs he have in his favour four-fifths of the members voting.

IV.—Every perſon elected a Member, ſhall have immediate notice of his Election ſent to him, by one of the Secretaries; and ſhall appear for his Admiſſion, on or before the fourth ordinary meeting of the Society after his Election; or within ſuch further time as ſhall be granted by the Council, on ſpecial application to them for that purpoſe; otherwiſe his Election ſhall be void.

V.—The admiſſion of any Member into the Society, ſhall be at ſome meeting thereof, in manner and form following, he

having firſt paid the admiſſion Fee, and ſubſcribed the obligation; viz. The Preſident, taking him by the hand, ſhall ſay theſe words: "I do, by the authority, and in the name of the Medical and "Chirurgical Society of London, admit you a Member thereof."

VI.—The Election of every perſon into the Society, with the time thereof, ſhall be recorded in the Journal Book.

VII.—If it appear upon the ballot, that the perſon propoſed is not admitted a Member, no notice ſhall be taken thereof in the Minutes.

VIII.—Every Member who intends to propoſe any perſon to be a Member of the Society, ſhall, before ſuch perſon be propoſed, make known to him the nature of the obligation to be ſubſcribed, on the event of his being elected; and alſo the ſum which is to be paid for Admiſſion Money, and the rate of annual payments for the uſe of the Society.

IX.—Gentlemen who have eminently diſtinguiſhed themſelves in ſciences connected with medicine, but who are not of the Medical Profeſſion, or do not practiſe therein, ſhall be eligible as honorary Members.

X.—The number of honorary Members ſhall be limited to twelve.

XI.—The propoſition of any gentleman to be an honorary Member, ſhall be by a vote of the Council.

XII.—The Election of honorary Members ſhall be conducted in the ſame manner as that of ordinary Members.

XIII.—Honorary Members ſhall be entitled to all the privileges of ordinary Members, except that of voting, and of holding any office.

XIV.—No Election ſhall take place at any other than ordinary meetings of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE OBLIGATION TO BE SUBSCRIBED.

EVERY Perſon elected a Member of the Society, ſhall, previous to his admiſſion, ſubſcribe the following obligation.

" We whoſe names are hereunto ſubſcribed, do hereby promiſe, " each for himſelf, that we will, to the utmoſt of our power, pro- " mote the honour and intereſt of the Medical and Chirurgical " Society of London, and obſerve the Statutes and Orders of the " ſaid Society. Provided that, whenſoever any of us ſhall ſignify " to the Preſident, in writing, that he deſireth to withdraw " therefrom, he ſhall be free from this Obligation for the future."

And if any Perſon elected ſhall refuſe to ſubſcribe the ſaid Obligation, the Election of that perſon ſhall be void.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE MEMBERS.

I.—EVERY Perſon elected a Member of the Society, ſhall, previous to his admiſſion, pay to the uſe of the Society, the ſum of Six Guineas as an Admiſſion Fee; and ſhall alſo further contribute the ſum of Three Guineas annually.

II.—All yearly Contributions ſhall be conſidered payable at each anniverſary Meeting, for the preceding year; but no Member elected within four months of the anniverſary Meeting, ſhall be liable to pay his annual contribution, till the ſecond anniverſary from the time of his election.

III.—No Member ſhall have the right of voting, or the uſe of the library, who is more than one year in arrear; and if any Member ſhall neglect to pay his annual Subſcription to the Treaſurer, or the perſon appointed by him, for two years after it has become due, he ſhall be liable to ejection from the Society; the Council firſt giving ſuch notice or notices of the default, as they ſhall think proper, according to the nature of the caſe.

IV.—Such Gentlemen as have been elected Members of the Society, and do not live within twenty miles of the Metropolis, ſhall be conſidered Members of the Society, without the form of admiſſion, on payment of the ſum of Six Guineas, without further annual contribution.

V.—But ſhould ſuch Gentlemen ever reſide in the Metropolis, they ſhall contribute the uſual annual Subſcription like other Members.

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE DEATH OR WITHDRAWING OF MEMBERS.

I.—The Death of any Member ſhall be noticed by one of the Secretaries in the printed liſt of that year, and ſhall be recorded in the Journal Book at the next anniverſary Meeting.

II.—No Member ſhall be underſtood to have withdrawn himſelf from the Society, unleſs he ſhall have ſignified ſuch his intention by letter, under his hand, addreſſed to the Preſident; and if ſuch letter be not left at the Houſe of the Society, previous to the anniverſary Meeting, the contribution of ſuch Member, ſhall be underſtood to be continued for the whole of the year in which he ſhall have ſo withdrawn himſelf.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE CAUSES AND FORMS OF EJECTION.

I.—If any Member of the Society ſhall, contemptuouſly, or contumaciouſly, diſobey the Statutes or Orders of the Society; or ſhall, by ſpeaking, writing, or printing, publickly defame the Society; or adviſedly and maliciouſly do any thing to the damage, detriment or diſhonour thereof; or ſhall notoriouſly

degrade the reſpectability of the medical character; or ſhall not, after the due and regular notice mentioned in Chap. 3d. Sect. 3d. pay his annual contribution, he ſhall be liable to be ejected out of the Society.

II.—Whenſoever there ſhall be cauſe, in the opinion of the Council, for the ejection of any Member out of the Society, the Preſident ſhall, at a meeting of the Society ſpecially ſummoned, propoſe the ejection of ſuch Member; which being put to the ballot, and two-thirds of the Members preſent voting for it, the Preſident ſhall cancel his name in the Regiſter, and at the ſame time pronounce him ejected in theſe words.

" I do, by the authority, and in the name of the Medical and " Chirurgical Society of London, declare A. B. to be ejected, and " no longer a Member thereof." And the ejection of every ſuch Perſon, ſhall be then recorded in the Journal Book of the Society; and his name, as ejected, alſo read at the next anniverſary Meeting.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS AND COUNCIL.

I.—The Officers of the Society ſhall be elected annually, and ſhall conſiſt of a Preſident, four Vice-Preſidents, a Treaſurer, and three Secretaries, one of whom ſhall be foreign Secretary.

II.—The Officers of the Society, together with twelve other Members, ſhall conſtitute the Council, and ſhall have the management of the Society's affairs.

III.—No Member ſhall be eligible to the offices of Preſident or Vice-Preſident for more than two years in ſucceſſion; and no Member ſhall be eligible to a place in the Council, till the expiration of two years from the period of his having quitted either of thoſe offices.—This Statute is not however meant to render a Member who has held the ſituation of Vice-Preſident, ineligible to that of Preſident.

IV.—At the ſecond election of the Society, two of the Vice-Preſidents (whoſe names ſhall be determined by lot) ſhall go out of office, and be replaced by two others, who ſhall be choſen from the Society at large; and at each ſucceeding anniverſary election, the two Vice-Preſidents who ſhall have ſerved in that capacity for two years, ſhall of neceſſity go out of office, and be replaced by two other Members choſen from the Society at large. Nothing however in this Section, ſhall affect the 1ſt Section of this Chapter, in which it is ſaid that the Officers ſhall be elected annually.

V.—Six of the twelve Members of the Council, who are not Officers of the Society, ſhall go out by rotation annually, and ſhall be replaced by ſix other Members, to be choſen from the Society at large. The firſt ſix who ſhall go out, to be determined by lot.—But a Member who has thus quitted his ſeat in the Council, ſhall nevertheleſs retain his eligibility to any office in the Society.

VI.—The anniverſary Meeting of the Society, for the election of the Officers and other Members of the Council, ſhall be held on the 1ſt of March, unleſs that day ſhall happen to be on a Sunday, in which caſe it ſhall take place on the day following.

VII.—Every Member of the Society within the reach of the Twopenny and Threepenny Poſt, ſhall be ſummoned to the anniverſary Meeting, at leaſt a week previous to the day on

which it ſhall take place, by a letter ſigned by the Preſident and one of the Secretaries.

VIII.—Within this Summons ſhall be incloſed a liſt of the Members of the Society, and alſo a liſt of the Officers and Council of the preceding year. In the latter, ſuch names as go out by rotation, or are ineligible by the Statutes of the Society, ſhall be noticed; and a ſpace left for ſupplying vacancies, or making ſuch alterations as may appear to any Member to be proper.

IX.—Each Member voting, ſhall deliver his liſt, folded up, to the Preſident, Vice-Preſident, or ſuch other perſon as may be in the Chair; and the name of each Member who ſhall ſo deliver in his liſt, ſhall be marked off on a printed liſt, by one of the Secretaries.

X.—When the ballot ſhall have been cloſed, the Preſident, or perſon officiating in his ſtead, ſhall appoint by lot, three Scrutineers, not Members of the Council, to aſſiſt the Secretaries in caſting up the ſuffrages. And when this ſhall have been done, the Preſident ſhall declare the perſons who ſhall have the majority of votes for the reſpective Offices, and alſo thoſe who have been elected to the vacant places in the Council.

XI.—The Chair ſhall be taken at the anniverſary Meeting, at ſuch a time as ſhall be fixed upon by the Council, (the ſame to be previouſly inſerted in the circular Summons) and the ballot ſhall continue open for two hours.

XII.—In caſe of any doubt or difficulty ariſing during an Election, it ſhall be determined by the majority of the Council of the preceding year, who may happen to be preſent, in the way which ſeems to them to be agreeable to right, and to the Statutes of the Society.

XIII.—In caſe of any Members having an equal number of ſuffrages for an office, or place in the Council, the perſon to be elected, ſhall be determined by lot.

XIV.—In caſe of a vacancy in the Council, or among the Officers of the Society, happening during the intervals of the anniverſary elections, the Council ſhall appoint a ſpecial general meeting of the Society, for the purpoſe of filling up ſuch vacancies; and the ſummons for ſuch meeting, and the proceedings at it, ſhall, as far as circumſtances will admit, be after the ſame manner, as is directed for the anniverſary Election.

CHAPTER VII.

OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS.

I.—The buſineſs of the Preſident ſhall be to preſide at all the Meetings, and to regulate all the proceedings of the Society and Council; to ſtate and put queſtions, both in the affirmative and negative, according to the ſenſe and intention of the Meeting; to check irregularities, and to keep all perſons in order; to ſummon all extraordinary meetings of the Society or Council upon any urgent occaſion; and to execute, and ſee to the execution of, the Statutes of the Society.

II.—The Preſident ſhall take precedence of every Member of the Society at their ordinary place of meeting; and alſo in all other places where any number of Members meet as a Society, Council or Committee; and being in the Chair, is to be covered, while ſpeaking unto, or hearing particular Members, notwithſtanding their being uncovered.

III.—In the abſence of the Preſident, the Vice-Preſidents in rotation, or in their abſence, the Treaſurer, or ſenior Member of the Council, or of the Society preſent, ſhall take the Chair, and ſhall do every ſuch buſineſs, as the Preſident, when preſent, is empowered to do by the Statutes of the Society.

CHAPTER VIII.

OF THE TREASURER AND HIS ACCOUNTS.

I.—The Treaſurer, or ſome perſon appointed by him, ſhall receive, for the uſe of the Society, all ſums of money due or payable to the Society; and out of ſuch money, ſhall pay and diſburſe all ſums of money which may be due from or payable by the Society; and ſhall keep particular accounts of all ſuch receipts and payments, in the way which may ſeem moſt proper to the Council.

II.—Every ſum of money payable on account of the Society, amounting to £5 or upwards, ſhall be paid by order of the Council, ſigned by the Preſident, and regiſtered by one of the Secretaries.

III.—All ſums of money in the hands of the Treaſurer, which there ſhall not be preſent occaſion for expending, or otherwiſe diſpoſing of for the uſe of the Society, ſhall be laid out in ſuch government, or other ſecurities, as ſhall be approved of, and directed by the Council.

IV.—The Treaſurer ſhall have and keep a book of printed check receipts for annual contributions; each receipt to be ſigned by himſelf, and to be filled up with the name of the Member paying, the ſum paid, and the time paid to: theſe receipts to be underſigned by the perſon who ſhall receive the money on the Treaſurer's behalf, who, upon the delivery of the receipt to the Member paying, is to enter upon that part of the check which ſhall be left in the book, the above particulars, and alſo the day of payment.

And for the more punctual diſpatch, and orderly arrangement of the buſineſs of the Society, the contributions ſhall be paid as nearly as poſſible to the time when they become due.

VI.—The accounts of the Treaſurer ſhall be audited annually, a ſhort time previous to the general meeting mentioned in Chap. 13. Sect. 1. by a Committee, conſiſting of five Members of the Council, (of whom the Preſident or one of the Vice-Preſidents, and one of the Secretaries to be two) and of five Members of the Society, not Members of the Council, who are to be nominated by the Preſident, with the conſent of the major part of the Members preſent, given by ballot at one of the three next preceding meetings: any two or more of the ſaid five Members of the Council, together with any two or more of the ſaid five Members not of the Council, ſhall be a quorum of the ſaid Committee.

VII.—The Members of the ſaid Committee, who may be of the Council, ſhall make their report to that meeting of the Council which ſhall be held next after ſuch audit, on or before the day of the General Meeting, and ſhall, together with the Members of the ſaid Committee who may not be of the Council, make their

report to the Society, upon the day of the ſaid General Meeting, ſtating not only the balance in the Treaſurer's hands, but alſo the general ſtate of the Funds of the Society.

CHAPTER IX.

OF THE SECRETARIES.

I.—The Secretaries ſhall have inſpection over the Clerk, and ſhall have the management of the correſpondence of the Society and Council. That of the foreign correſpondence, ſhall particularly attach to the foreign Secretary.

II.—The Secretaries ſhall attend at all meetings of the Society, Council and Committees; where, when the Chair has been taken, one of them ſhall read the minutes, orders and entries of the preceding meetings; and ſhall afterwards take minutes of the buſineſs and orders of the preſent meeting, to be entered in the proper book.—The other ſhall mention the preſents made to them ſince the laſt meeting, ſhall give notice of any Candidate that ſtands propoſed for election unto the Society at that meeting, and ſhall read the letters and papers preſented to the Society, in the order of time in which they were received, unleſs the Preſident ſhall otherwiſe direct.

III.—The Secretaries ſhall have the charge, under the direction of the Council, of printing the Memoirs of the Society, and of correcting the preſs.

CHAPTER X.

OF THE COUNCIL.

I.—The Council ſhall have the management of the affairs of the Society, and ſhall appoint the Clerk and ſuch other ſervants as may be neceſſary, ſhall fix their duty, and ſuſpend or remove them if they ſhould ſee occaſion. They ſhall alſo determine upon ſuch ſecurity as may be proper to be given by any Servant of the Society.

II.—The Council ſhall meet at the Houſe of the Society once a month, or oftener ſhould they ſee occaſion, three to be a quorum. Due notice of each meeting ſhall be ſent to every Member of the Council.

III.—All queſtions in the Council ſhall be determined by vote, or by ballot if demanded; and in caſe of an equality of votes, the Preſident ſhall have a ſecond or caſting one.

IV.—The Council ſhall form a ſtanding Committee, to determine upon the propriety of publiſhing, with the conſent of the Author, ſuch Papers as may have been read in the Society.

V.—They ſhall be empowered to call unto their aſſiſtance, any other Member of the Society, whom they may conſider to be well ſkilled in any particular branch of ſcience, which ſhall happen to be the ſubject matter of any ſuch paper; and the perſons ſo called in to aſſiſt, although not members of the Committee, may give their votes on all papers to be conſidered at any ſuch meeting, in the ſame manner as the Members of the ſaid Committee may do.

VI.—The method of proceeding upon the papers to be conſidered ſhall be thus:—The firſt entry in the Minute Book of the Society, relating to any Paper upon which the opinion of the Council ſhall not have been taken, ſhall be read; and if any Member ſhould deſire it, the Paper itſelf ſhall be read, but otherwiſe only the minute relating thereto: after which, the queſtion ſhall be put, and decided by ballot, whether that Paper ſhall be printed in the Memoirs of the Society. But if the number of votes ſhould be equal, the further conſideration of the queſtion ſhall be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council; when, on a ſecond balloting, if there ſtill be an equality of votes, it ſhall be determined in the negative.

VII.—The Council ſhall be a ſtanding Committee for the purchaſe of Books.

VIII.—The Library ſhall be regulated by ſuch ſtatutes, as may hereafter be recommended by the Council, and approved by the Society at large.

CHAPTER XI.

OF THE CLERK.

I.—The Clerk ſhall live in, and have the care of the Society's Houſe, and of the Library and other Property contained in it.

II.—He ſhall act as Librarian; and ſhall regularly collect the Subſcriptions from the Members as they become due, and pay

the ſame to the Treaſurer, or perſon whom he may appoint to receive them, at ſuch times as may be required. He ſhall prepare and tranſmit the ſummonſes. He ſhall always be in attendance at Meetings of the Society and Council, and ſhall copy their Minutes into proper books. He ſhall be ſubject to ſuch other rules and orders as may be given to him by the Council, and ſhall receive ſuch recompenſe for his ſervices as they ſhall deem proper.

III.—The Clerk ſhall, by himſelf and two ſureties, give ſecurity to ſuch an amount as may be required by the Council.

IV.—The Clerk ſhall not be a member of the Society.

CHAPTER XII.

OF THE SOCIETY's PROPERTY.

I.—The whole of the Society's Property and Effects, of what kind ſoever, ſhall be veſted in ſeven Truſtees, for its uſe.

II.—Securities on account of the Society, from the Clerk or other of its Servants, ſhall be made out to the Truſtees.

III.—The Truſtees ſhall be choſen from the Society at large; and whenever their number ſhall be reduced to three, an extraordinary general meeting ſhall be held for the purpoſe of filling up the number: and the three remaining Truſtees, ſhall then convey over to as many more new Truſtees, as with them ſhall make up ſeven, the Securities which ſtand in their name.

CHAPTER XIII.

OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

I.—The ordinary Meetings of the Society, ſhall be on ſuch days, and at ſuch an hour, as the Council may deem adviſable; but before the times of meeting be finally ſettled, it ſhall be neceſſary for the opinion of the Society to be taken thereupon.

II.—Each Member of the Society ſhall have the privilege of introducing a Stranger at every ordinary Meeting, on delivering his name to the Preſident, or perſon acting in his ſtead: and the name of every ſtranger, ſo introduced, ſhall be entered in the Minute Book.

III.—The buſineſs of the Society at their ordinary Meetings, ſhall be to converſe upon profeſſional ſubjects, and to read and hear Letters, Reports, and other Papers on Medicine, or any of its branches. Written communications, however, ſhall not be ſubject to diſcuſſion.

IV.—At the ordinary Meetings of the Society, nothing relating to its laws or management ſhall ever be brought forward; except, where the Statutes of the Society, may, for particular reaſons, order otherwiſe.

V.—At ordinary Meetings, five ſhall be a quorum; but ten ſhall be neceſſary for the Election of Members.

CHAPTER XIV.

OF GENERAL MEETINGS.

I.—Besides the Anniverſary Meeting for the Election of Officers, there ſhall be another General Meeting held annually, for the enactment or repeal of Statutes, and for receiving the Report of the Council and Auditors on the ſtate of the Society's affairs. This Meeting ſhall be on ſome day to be fixed by the Council, which day ſhall be at leaſt one month previous to the Anniverſary Meeting for the Election of Officers. But whenever it ſhall happen, that there is no buſineſs to be brought before ſuch Meeting, except the Report of the Council and Auditors, then it ſhall be lawful for the Council (if it appear expedient to them) to defer preſenting the ſaid Report, till the day of the Anniverſary Meeting for the Election of Officers and Council.

II.—The making of new, and altering of old Regulations, ſhall be firſt propoſed in Council; and ſuch new Statutes, or alterations of old ones, if approved, and the approbation confirmed at a ſubſequent Meeting of the Council, ſhall be recommended by them for adoption to the General Meeting ordered in the laſt ſection, or to ſuch ſpecial General Meeting as they may think proper to call: and if two-thirds of the Members voting (ten being preſent) ballot in favour of the ſaid new Statutes, or alterations in the old ones, the ſame ſhall be declared to be the law of the Society accordingly. But no alteration ſhall be made in the proportion of Members neceſſary for electing; or in the Statutes relating to the election, or payments of Members, or to the Officers and Council, but by the concurrence of three-fourths of the Members voting.

III.—Any three Members, who are not of the Council, may recommend any new Laws, or the repeal or alteration of any old one, to the Council, by a letter directed to one of the Secretaries. On the ſuggeſtions thus made, the Council ſhall come to a deciſion at their firſt meeting; and if ſuch deciſion ſhall not be ſatisfactory to the Members propoſing the ſuggeſtions offered, the Council, if required, ſhall, at the firſt General Meeting for the repeal or enactment of Statutes, (mentioned in the 1ſt Section of this Chapter), bring the ſame forward, with their deciſion thereupon, for the opinion of the Society at large.

CHAPTER XV.

OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS.

I.—The Preſident and Council may, at any time, call an extraordinary General Meeting of the Society, when it ſeems to them to be neceſſary; giving at leaſt one week's notice to every Member of the Society, living within reach of the twopenny and threepenny poſt, of the period of meeting, and the buſineſs for which it is ſummoned; and no buſineſs ſhall be entered upon at ſuch Meeting, except what has been ſo notified.

CHAPTER XVI.

OF DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY.

I.—Every Perſon who ſhall preſent Books, Money, or other property to the Society, ſhall be conſidered a Benefactor thereof.

II.—His name, with the mention of his gift, ſhall be recorded in the book of Benefactions, ſhall be read at the Anniverſary Meeting, and ſhall be inſerted in the firſt volume of the Memoirs of the Society thereafter publiſhed.

III.—Such Books as may be preſented to the Society, ſhall have the donor's name inſerted in them.

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